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Jim Markley 1937-2019

by Tom Braunlich

Long-time veteran tournament chess player Jim Markley passed away on August 21, 2019, at age 82, in Tulsa.

James Hilton Markley was a long-time personal friend of mine and even my chess student for awhile. So I'd like to present this tribute to him.

Although we will focus on his chess here, it is worth noting that Jim had a varied and quite interesting life. Normally one doesn't say that about a guy who had a boring-sounding 40-year career as a credit manager for the gas company, OneOK. But it is true.

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First of all, he had a wife of 40+ years, Jean, two children and two step-children. They were his priorities, but he did find time for many hobbies besides chess, including a strong love for sports cars. Among those sports cars he owned were a Chevelle, an Olds 442, a Camaro RS, and a MG. His most recent pride and joy was a PT Cruiser.

Jim Markley in the early 1970s.

Jim was also an avid sportsman and an expert at skeet shooting, where he won many trophies with both shotgun and rifle, and killed many a clay pigeon.

He was also a huge fan of OU football and never missed watching their games either on TV or in person.

We know him mainly from chess, where he was one of our grand gentlemen of the game. Always a tough competitor, but never a poor loser. He enjoyed the game and played his best — a solid class B 1700-strength player his whole life — and he won his share of prizes and trophies.

I first met him in 1974 when I was just entering tournament play as a 15-year-old junior player. He was one of several adult

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players who mentored me in the sport, and I will always appreciate the help and advice he gave.

His chess buddy was a guy named Tom Henson, with whom he travelled to tournaments frequently. Henson was a banker and no doubt they were colleagues at work of some kind. The main thing I remember about them is that Henson was a pipe smoker, and got Jim into that as well. In those days it was allowed to smoke at tournaments, and there were quite a few players who chain-smoked cigarettes out of nervousness during games. The cigarette smoke stank, and a blue haze would gather sometimes at the tournament hall ceiling from all the smokers. As a non-smoker, I detested playing chain-smokers.

But I appreciated the pipe smokers, because at least pipe smoke smelled pleasant!

When I said Jim was a tough competitor, I know that from experience. During the '70s I played him many times in tournaments. I usually won, but I remember in particular a painful loss to him at the Jerry Spann Memorial (in 1978 … I think) when I was rated about 1880 and was one of the contenders for this state championship title.

I played Jim in the first round — and he beat me, effectively knocking me out that year. I dropped a piece to him in the opening with a foolish move."Sorry," he said, as he took it off the board. But I don't think he really was very sorry, because although I played on for another 20 moves and gave him many chances to give the piece back, he never did! In fact he wiped me out without mercy.

That sums up his personality for me: a

gentleman who was a good sport, who always attempted to play the "well-played game" and who was also always kind and never a sore loser.

He also supported chess avidly by participating as an amateur for 40+ years. He continued to compete even well into his 70s, and particularly was successful in the 1980s and '90s.

Among his more recent successes were:

- 1993 – Reserve Champion at the Jerry Spann Memorial (state championship)
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- 1996 – Reserve Champion at the Jerry Spann Memorial (state championship)
- 2009 - Class C prize at the North American Open. This was at age 72!

I'm quite sure he won many trophies in the 70s and 80s as well, but much of what occurred those days is lost to history.

Visiting Jim's house in Tulsa was a treat, as he had a 'chess room' that would be the envy of many players.

It was a library room with ceiling-high book shelves on two walls, most of which he had outfitted with chess stuff and lots of chess books. There were several sets on display, many quite nice expensive wooden or granite ones.

But the center focus of the room was two expensive chess tables. (See photo).

For many years he had weekly chess-playing sessions here in this room with Robert Rundle, and later Harold Brown.

Mentors like Jim are priceless, and increasingly rare. He will be sorely missed.

Jim's chess room. The old table at right was his original one, which he put together from a find in an antique store. The newer one at left was a recent addition from the USCF catalog. You can also see some of his sports car memorabilia in the background on display.

EXPERIMENTS IN CHESS
National Chess Day Special
Fischer-Random, Rapid, and Blitz
by Tom Braunlich

On National Chess Day, October 12, we held an "experimental" chess tournament — a mix of regular chess with Fischer-Random chess, in rapid and blitz form.

The tournament scoring system was 2 points for a win in the rapid games, and 1 point for blitz games, achieving an overall total maximum score of 16 points (4 rapid games plus 8 blitz). It was an imitation of systems seen recently in grandmaster chess "Rapid and Blitz" tournaments, aimed at attracting a wider audience with the fast play. In our case we also added the twist that half the games would be Fischer-Random. See the crosstable below.

The players seemed to like it quite well, and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun in general. There was even lots of verbal banter going on during the games, in the relaxed atmosphere.

Note that the event was one section, and was dominated by James Long and me. We won all our games — despite some close calls — and drew between ourselves. Each rating class had a $100 prize and the competition for them was stiff. Harold Brown had donated two prizes for seniors.

James Long, who said he has lots of experience with online Fischer-Random play, shared with me his strategic philosophy on this variation of play: to try to set up the kind of pawn structures you are familiar with in regular chess and even though your pieces start off differently soon the game often takes on useful familiar patterns to help guide you. Sounds smart to me, although I note he gave me this advice only AFTER our games was over!

The players voted to have more such events in the future, so look out for that next year, and try it! TDs were Tom Braunlich and Harold Brown. Host venue: Harvard Avenue Baptist Church.

#	Name	Rtg	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total
1	Tom Braunlich	2200	OK	$14	$3	%2	$5	$6	$4	$9	$7	15.0
2	James Long	2045	OK	$8	$6	%1	$4	$5	$3	$11	$9	15.0
3	Oscar Wang	1708	OK	$12	L1	%13	$10	$7	L2	$6	$5	11.0
4	Andrew Browne	1955	OK	$13	L5	$9	L2	%11	L1	$14	$6	9.0
5	James R Yanik	679	OK	$9	$4	$7	L1	L2	L6	$8	L3	8.0
6	Zade Mahayni	1608	OK	$16	L2	$12	$11	L1	$5	L3	L4	8.0
7	Jacob R Schultz	1111	OK	%11	$14	L5	$13	L3	%8	$10	L1	8.0
8	Raymond Jiang	1314	OK	L2	%10	L11	$14	#9	%7	L5	#12	7.0
9	Rahul Pai	1591	OK	L5	$11	L4	$12	D8	$13	L1	L2	6.5
10	Luke Rehmel	1217	OK	L15	%8	$14	L3	L13	#12	L7	$11	6.5
11	Chris Dooley	1847	OK	%7	L9	$8	L6	%4	$14	L2	L10	6.0
12	Stephen Valverde	761	TX	L3	$16	L6	L9	%14	D10	X13	D8	6.0
13	Nick Hamilton	1278	OK	L4	B---	%3	L7	$10	L9	F12	U---	5.0
14	John H Taylor	1324	OK	L1	L7	L10	L8	%12	L11	L4	B---	3.0
15	Harold E Brown Jr	1901	OK	$10	B---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	3.0
16	Joey Gardner	725	OK	L6	L12	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

by IM John Donaldson

Four New Books from New in Chess

The latest offerings from New in Chess (www.newinchess.com) cover different facets of the game.

1) Forcing Chess Moves
Club players looking to improve their tactics and calculating ability need look no further than FIDE Master Charles Hertan's classic *Forcing Chess Moves* (2019, paperback, figurine algebraic, 432 pages, $29.95). This 4th edition features 50 extra pages, a new preface and a special foreword by Swedish Champion GM Pontus Carlsson.

2) An Attacking Repertoire For White with 1.d4
(2019, paperback, figurine algebraic, 366 pages, $32.95 by Grandmaster Viktor Moskalenko.) This lives up to its title with aggressive systems put forth against the King's Indian (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.dxe6), the Nimzo-Indian (1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3) and the Exchange Variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined (1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 with Nge2), to give but three examples. The material is presented via 103 model games and there is plenty of explanatory prose. Note the Dutch Defense and Budapest Gambit, the subject of other New in Chess books written by Moskalenko, are not covered here.

3) Side-Stepping Mainline Theory
(2019, paperback, figurine algebraic, 269 pages, $24.95 by Gerard Welling and Steve Giddens.)

A completely different approach is offered by Welling and Giddens who advocate for a universal structure to play as Black and White against everything. Their choice, a favorite of the late three-time Washington State Champion John Braley, is adopting the Philidor/ Old Indian pawn structure (pawns on …e5, …d6 and …c6) with both colors.

There is no free lunch in chess, as Giddens points out, so patience can be required, especially since the traditional Philidor move order 1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 is not favored these days (and allows White second alternatives like the King's Gambit, Vienna and Bishop's Opening). That means Black has to allow the exchange of queens if Whites insists (1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+), which doesn't lead to the most dynamic positions.

That said the proposed repertoire has much to be said for it, not least radically cutting down on the amount of opening theory and middle games that need to be mastered. This repertoire will definitely allow student time to brush up on their endgames and tactics!

Side-Stepping Mainline Theory adopts a novel and welcome organization. The book is arranged around 92 model games, but in the back are 40 pages of ECO style columnar opening tables. This is an excellent idea that deserves to be repeated.

Last, but not least, the authors acknowledge sometimes it's in White's interest to take the main highway. After 1.e4 d5 White really don't have a choice besides 2.exd5 and against 1…g6 one might as well occupy the center with 2.d4. These two exceptions and 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 (or 2…f5) aside, Black doesn't really have a way to dodge the Philidor setup.

Side-Stepping Mainline Theory is not for those starting out, who should play open games to learn basic principles. Nor is it for FIDE titled players – although they might learn a thing or two. Instead it is intended for those who fit in the category of

TOP 25

For NOVEMBER 2019

Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change	
1	Advait Patel	2551	0	
2	Jeffrey Haskel	2362	0	
3	Howard Zhong	2293	0	
4	Bart Gibbons	2217	0	
5	Mark Hulsey	2201	0	
6	Tom Braunlich	2201	1	
7	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2107	0	
8	Veronika Zilajeva	2091	0	
9	Adonis Turner	2084	0	
10	John Cope	2084	0	
11	Anthony Paolercio	2080	0	
12	Tom Patton	2077	0	
13	Charles D Unruh	2063	0	
14	Matt Dalthorp	2062	0	
15	James Long	2047	2	▲
16	Ryan Amburgy	2047	3	▲
17	David Luscomb	2045	0	▼
18	Michael Nugent	2042	0	
19	Charles M Unruh	2033	0	
20	Chuck Johnson	2010	0	
21	Jeff Colbert	2008	0	
22	Logan Zachare	1997	20	
23	Stephen Gehly	1958	0	
24	Joe Dean Veal	1954	0	
25	Charles Woodall	1937	0	

Player of the Month

RYAN AMBURGY

Ryan tied for first place in the Missouri Open, held Oct 19-20 in St. Louis, MO, with a 4-1 score that included a draw with an FM.

club player (roughly 1600 to 2200). Some of them will find this book most helpful.

4) Beyond Material

Grandmaster Davorin Kulasevic's first book, *Beyond Material* (2019, paperback, figurine algebraic, 336 pages, $24.95) is a fascinating effort that deserves a wide audience. The subtitle of this book - *Ignore the Face Value of Your Pieces and Discover the Importance of Time, Space and Psychology in Chess* – offers an idea of the subject matter and wisdom contained in these 107 well-annotated games and fragments and 50 exercises.

A few of the examples in this book are well-known, but most are not, particularly from the author's practice.

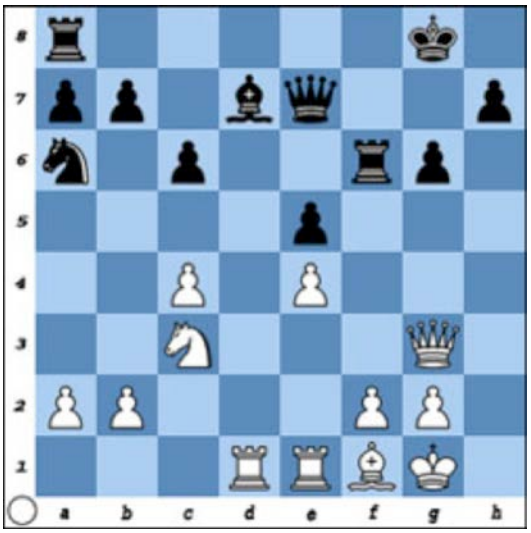
Here is a small taste of what this book is like. Note I have removed most of the annotations, only concentrating on the key moment.

Kuljasevic - Jankovic

Sibenik 2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.0–0 Na6 8.Re1 c6 9.Bf1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Ng4 11.h3 Qb6 12.hxg4 Qxd4 13.Qf3 Qe5 14.g5 Qe7 15.Bf4 Be5 16.Qg3 f6 17.gxf6 Rxf6 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Rad1 Bd7

The author points out that Black has a strong and natural plan in …Na6-c7-e6-d4. Can it be stopped?



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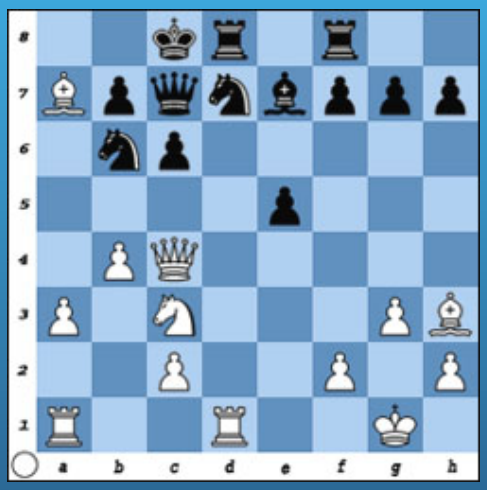

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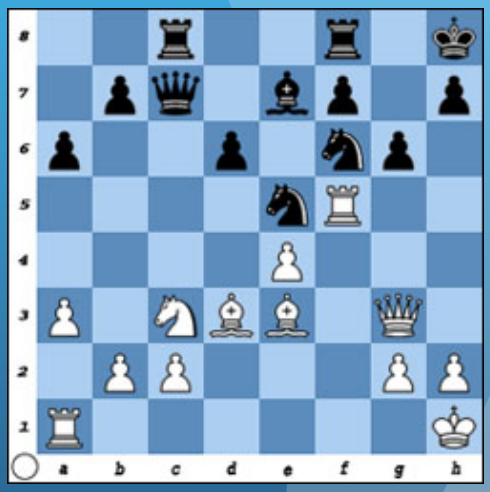
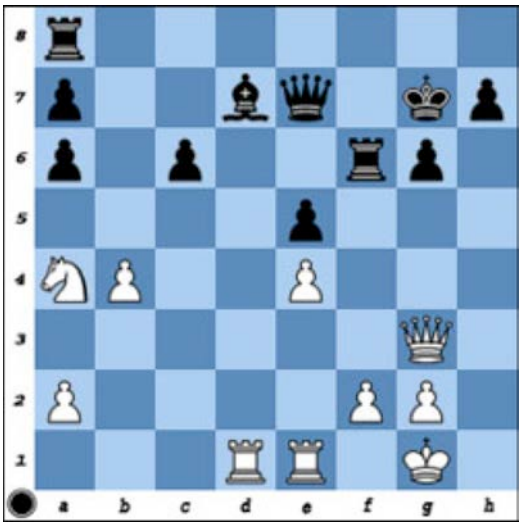


White to move and win. (Medium)

20.c5! Nxc5 21.b4 Na6 22.Bc4+ Kg7 23.Bxa6 bxa6 24.Na4

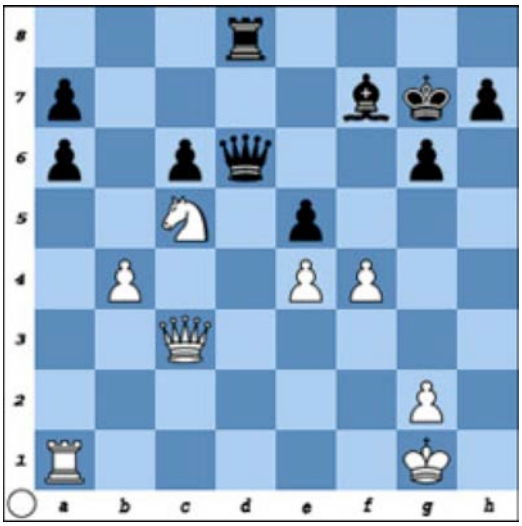


Kuljasevic writes:

This is the position I was going for when I sacrificed the pawn.

Black has a terrible pawn structure and White will plant his knight on the nice c5-outpost. I think it is safe to say that White has a small but clear positional advantage as a result of the combination.

24...Be8 25.Qc3 Bf7 26.Nc5 Rd8 27.Rd3 Rfd6 28.f4 Bxa2 29.Ra1 Bf7 30.Rxd6 Qxd6



31.fxe5 Qd4+ 32.Qxd4 Rxd4 33.Rxa6 Rxb4 34.Rxa7 Kg8 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.e6 Bxe6 37.Nxe6+ Kf6 38.Nc5 Rc4 39.Nd7+ Ke6 **40.Nf8+ Ke7 41.Nxh7 Rxe4 42.Re8+ Kxe8 43.Nf6+ Ke7 44.Nxe4 Ke6 45.Kf2 Kd5 46.Ke3 c5 47.Kd3 c4+ 48.Ke3 Ke5 49.Nc3 g5 50.g4 1-0**

Beyond Material is one of the best books I have read this year.

Answers to the Puzzles

(1) White can set up and execute a hidden fork in the position: 1. Bxb6 Qxb6 (the knight can't recapture because it is pinned) 2. Nd5! Forking queen and bishop; the c-pawn is now pinned.

(2) Another forking combination, this one with an extra twist at the end that makes it work. 1. Rxf6! Bxf6 2. Nd5 another fork, but this time black's Queen has a move to protect the bishop: 2. … Qd8. But now white has a follow-up to force black to abandon protection of the bishop: 3. Bb6! After the black queen moves, white will win the bishop on f6 it was protecting and have two pieces for a rook and an overwhelming positional edge too.

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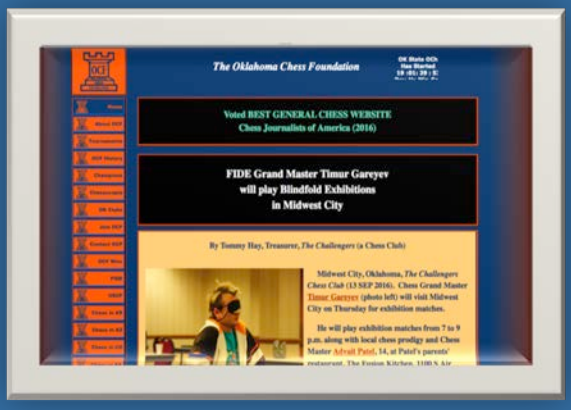
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John Donaldson Wins Mikhail Botvinnik Award

Honorary Okie IM John Donaldson was awarded the Mikhail Botvinnik Award by the FIDE Trainer's Commission on October 18th.

The international prize is to honor "achievements by a trainer of men or a team in an open event" and has a prestigious panel of judges:

Word Champion Vladimir Kramnik
World Champion & FIDE Trainer Susan Polgar
World Champion Zhu Chen
World Champion Antoaneta Stefanova
GM & FIDE Senior Trainer Eugene Torre
GM & FIDE Senior Trainer Alonso Zapata
GM & FIDE Senior Trainer Slim Bouaziz

The five previous winners of the Botvinnik Award include: Xu Jun, Peter Heine Nielsen (trainer of Carlsen), Ye Jiangchuan, Vladimir Chuchelov (trainer of Caruana), and Yuri Dokhoian.

The FIDE press release included this brief bio:

"Donaldson (Los Angeles, 1958) has been the Captain of the US Open team for most of the Olympiads since 1986 — which equals to say, for most of his adult life. He retired from his job at San Francisco Mechanics' Institute earlier in the year, but hopefully not from the US team. In the last two Olympiads, the US took Gold and Silver, with an identical lineup after paper-thin tie-break finishes."

… but we should hasten to add he is also a chess scholar, researcher, historian, author, and well-loved "honorary Okie" who has frequently played here, including earlier this year in May when he played in the FKB Memorial (drawing with IM Patel) and gave a lecture in Tulsa.

Donaldson also provides us with excellent book reviews every month for this publication.

For more information, see the FIDE Trainer's Commission website: https://fidetrainers.blogspot.com

James Long (2043)
Jim Markley (1665)
[A04]
SCS # 6 Berryhill (1.2), 10.07.2010
[Notes by Tom Braunlich]

I thought the Game of the Month could be one from the late Jim Markley (see tribute on page 1), and selected this upset game from 2010. Jim was 73 years old at the time of this game, and shows what a tough customer he was throughout his long chess career.

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d3 d6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3

Long plays the so-called "Big Clamp" variation of the King's Indian Attack (reversed King's Indian formation). White delays developing his N to c3 (which would give us a "Closed Sicilian") so that he can play his pawn there instead and support a big center by playing d3-d4 soon. Long's move order has confused Marlkey who has landed in a position that is not the best response for black, and Long gets a central edge…

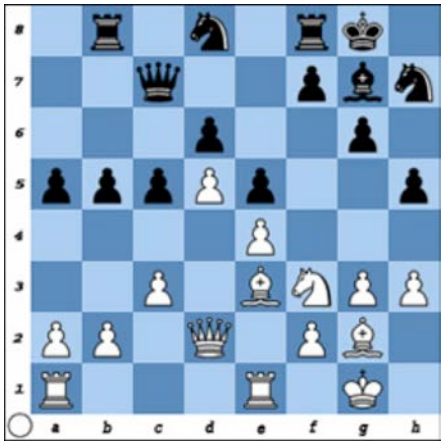
8… Rb8? 9.d4 Qc7

Putting the queen here when black's R is on b8 risks white will get Bf4 skewering at some point. Instead a standard way to blunt white's center here is 9…cxd4 10 cxd4, d5 10. e5, Ne4 when white has only a slight edge. But white might try 10. Bf4 instead.

10.d5 Nd8

The result of the inaccuracies is the lousy placement for this N, which disconnects the rooks and has no prospects from this square.

11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 h5? 14.Bf4 e5 15.Bg5? Nh7 16.Be3 b5 17.Qd2 a5



18.Nh4

Hindering black's …f5 ideas. (18.a4!?)

18…Qe7

A good response by Jim, hindering Long's ideas of f2-f4. By black still has the awkward N on d8 however.

19.b3 Nf6

I would want to solve the problem of the d8 knight by trying to clear a space for it on f7, by moving the f-pawn to f6, which in turn requires black to protect the g6 pawn. So, 19… Re8 followed by …Nf8 (covering g6) and later …f6 gives an okay game for black.

Instead, Markley hopes to play …Kh7 to cover g6 that way, to be followed by …Ng8 and moving the f-pawn. However, Long now pins the knight to hinder that plan.

20.Bg5 Kh7 21.a3 Qe8 22.b4

Distraction: switching to the queenside action.

…Nb7 23.Bf3 Qd7 24.Kh2 a4 25.Qe2

The maneuvering continues; putting pressure on h5, to make it hard for black's Nf6 to move and free the f-pawn. Markley responds well.

…Rh8 26.Bg2 Ng8 27.Bd2 Nh6 28.Nf3 c4

28…f6 is more natural to me, preventing white's next move and finally making an escape square for black's awful N on b7. All black has to do in order to get the better game is to fix that bad piece. Instead, Jim invites white's N into g5 intending to kick it out later, reaching a similar position, but white gets in f2-f4 because of it.

29.Ng5+ Kg8 30.Rf1 Nd8 31.f4!?

31. … f6

Markley tries to play solidly against the expert. Instead, he could have played more aggressively with a line suggested by Frank Berry at the time: 31…h4!? 32.g4 exf4 33.Nf3 f6 and in this line black gets the e5 square and turns the d8 knight into a hero when it gets there!

32.Nf3 Ndf7 33.fxe5 [33.Nh4] **33…Nxe5 34.Nxe5 fxe5 35.Bg5 Nf7 36.Bf6 Rf8 37.h4 Nh6**

To meet white's Bh3 with …Ng4+ and a big exchange of pieces that would be drawish. Long has to retreat and allow equality, but hopes to keep pieces on the board.

38.Bg5 Ng4+ 39.Kg1= Kh7

[Markley had a forced draw with 39…Qa7+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+=]

40.Bh3 Bh6 41.Qd2? Rxf1+?

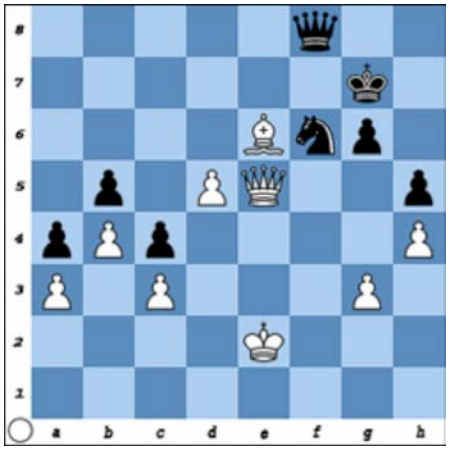
[Frank Berry gave the following computer line favorable for black in the OCQ bulletin in 2010: 41…Bxg5! 42.hxg5 *(42.Qxg5 Qa7+ 43.Kh1 Nf2+ 44.Rxf2 Rxf2 45.Rf1 Rhf8ñ+)* 42…Qa7+ 43.Kg2 *(43.Kh1 Rf2)* 43…Ne3+]

Instead, Markley miscalculates and loses a pawn, but keeps fighting on.

42.Rxf1 Rf8 43.Bxh6 Rxf1+ 44.Kxf1 Qf7+

Black can't recapture on h6 directly, because his N is pinned.

45.Bf4 exf4 46.Qxf4 Nf6 47.Be6 Qf8 48.Ke2 Kg7 49.e5 dxe5 50.Qxe5 Kh7



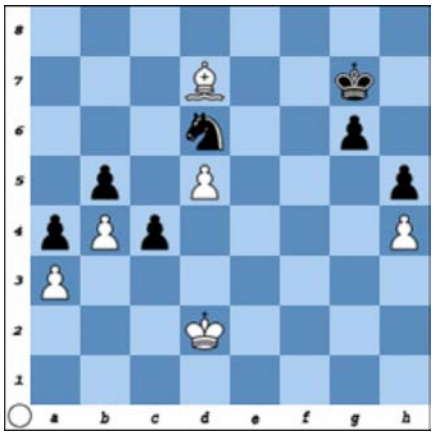
51.Qc7+?

Probably short of time, Long decides it will be easiest just to trade queens, but he allows annoying counterplay that Markley pounces on. Instead white wins with 51. d6. His centralized queen is too strong.

…Kh8 52.Qf7? Qxf7 53.Bxf7 Kg7 54.Be6 Ne4

Suddenly there is counterplay against c3, proving once again my theorem: In time pressure, whoever has the most knights wins!

55.Ke3 Nxc3 56.Kd4? [56.d6 Kf6 57.Bd7 Ke5 58.Bxb5 Kxd6 59.Be8 g5 60.hxg5+] 56…Ne2+ 57.Ke3 Nxg3 58.Bd7 Nf5+ 59.Kd2 Nd6



Now black is winning…

60.Kc3 Kf6 61.Kd4 Nf5+ [61…Ke7] 62.Ke4 Nd6+ 63.Kf4 c3!

Markley plays the rest of the game in style. Here he penetrates by distracting with this pawn.

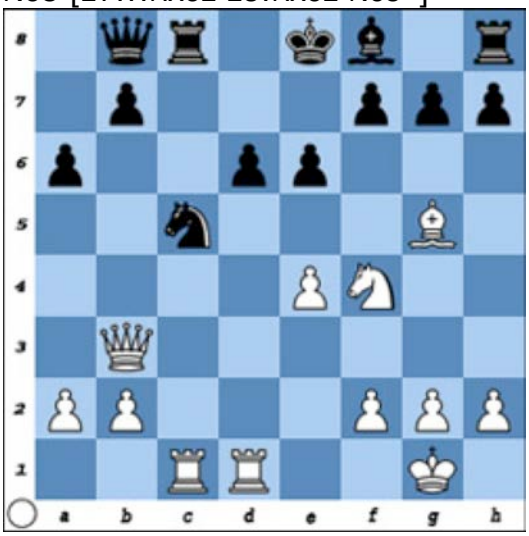
64.Ke3 g5 65.hxg5+ Kxg5 66.Kd3 h4 67.Kxc3 Kf4 68.Bh3 Ke3 69.Bg2 Nc4 70.Bh1 h3 71.Kc2 Nxa3+ 72.Kc3 Nc4 73.Kc2 Kd4 74.Bf3 Ne3+ 75.Kb2 Nxd5 76.Ka3 h2 77.Bg2 0-1

Herb (Shane) Stonehocker (1698)
Andrew Browne (1950)
2019 Lawton City Championship
[Notes by Mike Tubbs]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Nbd7 4.c4 e6 5. Nc3 c6 6.h3 Be7 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Bd3 dxc4 9. Bxc4 Nb6 10. Bb3 Nbd5 11. 0-0 Nxf4
(11... Nxc3=)
12.exf4 Bd7
(12...0-0=)
13.Ne5 Rd8

14.f5 Nd5 15.Nxd7 Rxd7 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Qh5+ Kd8 18.Rae1 Qb6 19.Qe5 Bd6 20. Qxe6 Nf4 21. Qg4 Qxd4 22. Re4 Qf6 23.Rfd1 Qb6 24.Red4 h5 25.Qf3 Qe5 26.Qe3 Ne2+? 27. Nxe2 Qh2+ 28. Kf1 Qh1+ 29. Ng1 Re8+ 30.Qxg5+ Kc7 31.a5+ b6 32.Qxa7 Kd8 33.Rxd6 Re1+ 34.Rxe1 Rxd6 35.Qb8+ K d7 36.Qe8+ Kc7 37.Re7+ Rd7 38.Rxd7 1-0

Wang, Oscar (1797)
Dooley, Chris (1850) [B21]
Steve Wharry ConSat Classic (4.2), 24.08.2019 *[TB]*
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3
Both of these guys are regular practitioners of the Smith-Morra Gambit, and their games with it are fierce.
…dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Bc4 d6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Bg4 9.Rd1 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qe2 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Rc8 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Bg5 Nd7 15.Nd5 Qb8 16.Rac1 e6 17.Nf4 Nc5 [17...Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Nc5=]



18.Rxc5! Rxc5 19.Nxe6 Re5 20.Nd8! Rxg5? [20...Qc7 is the only move, after which black is okay but white keeps general compensation for the exchange after 21.Rc1 Rc5 22.Rxc5 dxc5 23.Nxb7] 21.Nxf7 Re5 [21...Be7 22.Nxh8 threatening Qf7+ 22...Kd7? 23.Qh3+] 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Qe6+ 1-0

Xie, Maxwell (1477)
Szabad, Istvan (1460) [B01]
Steve Wharry ConSat Classic 2019 (4.1), 24.08.2019 *[TB]*
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 **5.Nf3 a6 6.Be3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 e6 9.Re1 Be7 10.Ng5 0-0 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Nce4 Qb4 13.b3 h6 14.Nh3 Nxe4 15.fxe4 Rad8 16.Qg4 Nf6 17.Qf4 c5 18.e5 Nd5 19.Qe4** g6 20.Bxh6 Rfe8 21.c4 Ba8? [21...bxc4 22.bxc4 Nc3 23.Qg4 Rxd4=] 22.Qg4 Kh7 23.Ng5+ Bxg5 24.Bxg5 Qc3 25.Qh3+ Kg8 26.cxd5 Qxd4+ 27.Kh1 Qxd5 28.Bxd8 Qxd8 29.Be4 Bd5 30.Bxd5 exd5 31.Qd3 Re6 32.Rac1 and white won 1-0

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Nov 9-10 OKLAHOMA CITY OPEN OKC, OK

5-SS, G/90;+30. Site: Residence Inn OKC, (North-Quail Springs) 1-405-286-1020. 13900 McAuley Blvd., OKC (2 miles West of Quail Springs Mall on Memorial Rd.) HR- $99 chess rate for a suite -- Ask for "US Chess" rate. EF: $40 if mailed by Nov. 6, $50 thereafter, free for Masters (deducted from prizes). Two Sections: Open and U1600. Prizes: $$2,200 all guaranteed. Open: $$500-250, X 200, A 200, B 200. Reserve: $$200-100, D 200, E 200, Below 1000 $100. Unr $50. Registration: 9-9:45 a.m. Sat. Nov. 9. Byes: Only one 1/2-pt bye for Rds 1-4. Rounds: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:15. Entries:

Dec 7-8 CHRISTMAS TREE OPEN Kansas City MO

5-SS, G/100+10. KCI Expo Center, 11730 N Ambassador Dr, Kansas City MO, 64153. REG: 8-9:30 12/7. EF: $62 by 12/4 via online entry at www.acerook.com/ctoregister ; $74 on-site. $$Prizes: ($2100 b/60): Open: $360 -$270 - $180 - $90; U2000 - $75, U1800 - $75; Reserve: $360 -$270 - $180 - $90; U1300 - $50, U1100 - $50, U900 - $50. Hotel: Holiday Inn Kansas City Airport – 11728 N Ambassador Dr, Kansas City MO, 64153 -- HR: $101-$108, mention Acerook Chess. More info: Brian Yang at AcerookChess@gmail.com Website: https://www.acerook.com/2019christmastree

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7SS, G/90,+30 Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. Three sections: Open, Amateur, and Novice Reserve. Two Schedules, 4 day or 3 day. Open Section $$875G. FIDE and USCF rated but uses FIDE rules. $500-$250-$125. EF: 2400+ $125, 1800-2399 $90, U1800 $125, Senior/Birthday during tournament/Additional Family Member $55. Dallas Chess Club membership required or pay $20 non-member fee.
Amateur: Open to USCF U2000. EF: $40. The Amateur gives back 50% in prizes.
Novice: Open to USCF U1400. EF:$40. The Novice gives back 50% in prizes.
Registration: 4 day 5:00 - 5:45 on Thurs 11/28. Rds.:Thurs 6 pm, Friday 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm, Sat 11am -4:30pm, Sun 9:00am-2pm. Reg 3 day on Friday 9 am - 9:45 am, Rd 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Two half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round rd 2 and before getting full point bye, but half point byes for both rounds 6 AND 7 is not allowed. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. ENT: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. 214.632.9000. Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.FIDE.

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4-SS, G/50+15 spm. (Dual rated). Harvard Avenue Baptist Church, 3235 E. 17th St. (17th & Harvard), Tulsa, OK. Cash Prizes $200-1st(G), plus other cash prizes per entries. Free coffee and refreshments. REG.: 9-9:45 AM. RDS.: 10-12:30-3-5:30 PM. EF: $20 cash or check at door. BYES: One 1/2-point bye Rds. 1, 2 or 3. LS W. Advance Entries and Information: Jim Berry, P O Box 351, Stillwater, OK 74076. JABerrycg@aol.com.